

From: [Payne, James](#)
To: [Quinones, Edwin](#); [Coleman, Sam](#); [McDonald, James](#); [Honker, William](#)
Cc: [Edlund, Carl](#); [Phillips, Pam](#); [Salinas, Amy](#); [Harrison, Ben](#); [Peycke, Mark](#); [Smith, Suzanne](#); [Smalley, Bryant](#); [Welton, Patricia](#)
Subject: Re: Oil rig explodes on Louisiana's Lake Pontchartrain
Date: Monday, October 16, 2017 10:57:32 AM

Thanks, Ed, for this note on need for Regional Response Team concurrence on any use of oil dispersants, and OSC's expectation that the Coast Guard likely will not seek to use them here.

Adding Sam and others as FYI.

Jim

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On Oct 16, 2017, at 10:49 AM, Quinones, Edwin <quinones.edwin@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Jim,

I researched Subparts, C, D and J of the NCP and conferred with Bryant Smalley on this. At this time, there has not been a report of oil spilled, despite the news article's reference to Parish officials suspecting that there may be a leak of oil. Nonetheless, 40 CFR 300.310(a) requires consultation with the Area Contingency Plan for the procedure to be followed to obtain an expedited decision on the use of dispersants in accordance with Subpart J.

Subpart J (40 CFR 300.910) requires the FOSC (which would be the USCG in this case) to consult with and obtain concurrence from the Regional Response Team (which includes members of various state and federal agencies, including the EPA) on the use of any dispersants. Be that as it may, Bryant believes that based on his OSC experience no dispersants would be used for such a spill occurring on Lake Ponchartrain.

Ed Q.

From: Payne, James
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2017 9:50 AM
To: Quinones, Edwin <quinones.edwin@epa.gov>; Edlund, Carl <Edlund.Carl@epa.gov>; Phillips, Pam <phillips.pam@epa.gov>
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Thanks Ed.

This am I believe Sam said he was not or likely would not be in favor of oil dispersants being used here.

As to any contemplation by Corps or others as to oil dispersants, could you advise/confirm with Carl and Pam on EPA role/review/approval/etc? Lee Tyner also might be immediately familiar.

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On Oct 16, 2017, at 9:19 AM, Quinones, Edwin <quinones.edwin@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks for forwarding this, Jim. As I suspected, it appears the oil rig is within the USCG's area of operations and thus would have jurisdiction for both response and enforcement.

Ed Q.

From: Smalley, Bryant
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2017 9:13 AM
To: Quinones, Edwin <quinones.edwin@epa.gov>
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USCG AOR. We are looking into it.

Bryant

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On Oct 16, 2017, at 9:02 AM, Quinones, Edwin <quinones.edwin@epa.gov> wrote:

FYI – I'm guessing you've both heard about this. According to the news article, Parish authorities suspect the explosion may have caused oil to leak into Lake Ponchartrain. Would this be USCG or EPA jurisdiction?

Ed

From: Payne, James
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2017 8:02 AM
To: Quinones, Edwin <quinones.edwin@epa.gov>
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From: payne.james@epa.gov
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**Subject: Oil rig explodes on Louisiana's
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<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/2017/10/15/reports-explosion-hits-oil-rig-lake-ponchartrain/766700001/>

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